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Art Unit: 1617

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APPLICATION NO: 08/945,249

FILED: FEBRUARY 2, 1998

FOR: USE OF (R)-PENCICLOVIR TRIPHOSPHATE FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
VIRAL DISEASES

**MS: After Final**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 4, 2003, having a shortened statutory period of three (3) months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.